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1. IMPORTANT CEAUSESCU SPEECH JUNE 10 HIGHLIGHTED CELEBRATION OF DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY OF 130 YEARS SINCE "BOURGEOIS-DEMOCRATIC" REVOLUTION OF 1848 AND 30 YEARS SINCE NATIONALIZATION OF BASIC INDUSTRIES IN ROMANIA. ADDRESSING MAMMOTH RALLY OF OFFICIALLY ESTIMATED 120,000 PERSONS IN BUCHAREST'S MAIN SQUARE, PRESIDENT LAID HEAVY STRESS ON COOPERATION AMONG ALL ETHNIC GROUPS IN 1848 REVOLUTION IN "ALL THREE" ROMANIAN AREAS (WALACHIA, MOLDAVIA, AND TRANSYLVANIA). CITING STATEMENTS OF HUNGARIAN LEADERS SIMONFFY AND KOSSUTH ON NEED FOR UNION BETWEEN ROMANIANS AND HUNGARIANS, CEAUSESCU SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY THIS UNION WAS NOT ACHIEVED IN TRANSYLVANIA AND THE EMPIRES OF THE CZARS,
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THE TURKS, AND THE AUSTRIANS JOINED FORCES TO DEFEAT THE REVOLTS. QUICKLY REVIEWING ROMANIAN HISTORY FROM 1848 TO DATE, HE STATED THAT CONSIDERING THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, CARE IS GIVEN TO STRENGTHENING ROMANIA'S DEFENSE CAPABILITY AND THE TRAINING OF THE ARMY AND PEOPLE TO DEFEND "REVOLUTIONARY CON-
CONQUESTS, FREEDOM, INTEGRITY, AND INDEPENDENCE OF ROMANIA".

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2. TURNING TO THEME OF NATIONAL MINORITIES (SEPTEL), PRESIDENT STATED THAT "ONE OF GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR PARTY'S POLICY IS THE REVOLUTIONARY SOLUTION OF THE NATIONALITY PROBLEM", ORIGIN OF WHICH IS STRIFE FOSTERED BY THE PREVIOUSLY DOMINANT CLASSES. HE FIRMLY REJECTED ANY MANIFESTATION OF ETHNIC CHAUVINISM AND THE EFFORTS BY "FOREIGN REACTIONARY CIRCLES" TO DENIGRATE ROMANIAN POLICY IN THIS FIELD, THEN HE SPECIFICALLY PRAISED STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ROMANIA AND HUNGARY. NEVERTHELESS, HE ARGUED, RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESOLVING PROBLEMS OF ANY ETHNIC MINORITY LIES IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY RESIDE RATHER THAN FOREIGN CAPITALS, AND THIS APPLIES EQUALLY WELL TO ETHNIC ROMANIANS LIVING ABROAD. "WE SHALL NEVER MAKE USE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ETHNIC ROMANIANS ON THE TERRITORIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES."

3. REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS CONTAINED USUAL FORMULATIONS BUT ALSO INCLUDED AN EXPLICIT CONDEMNATION OF ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND AFFIRMATION OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALL AFRICAN STATES (SEPTEL). PRESIDENT EXPRESSED ROMANIA'S "BEWILDERMENT" AT NATO DECISION TO INCREASE MILITARY BUDGETS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS, AND NOTED COINCIDENCE OF THIS DECISION WITH UN SSOD WAS ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE. PRESIDENT CONCLUDED WITH A RINGING CALL TO ALL WORKERS OF ROMANIA, IRRESPECTIVE OF ETHNIC ORIGIN, TO WORK
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TOGETHER TO RAISE THEIR COUNTRY TO NEW HEIGHTS OF PROGRESS.
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